Subject: Massacre of St. Bartholomew

(papal) medals-- casts of

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April 3, 1922

Howland Wood, Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155 St, N. Y. C.

Dear Mr Wood,

Mr Scott, assistant librarian of the City of Springfield Library, mentioned your name as one likely to be able to assist in locating two medals struck during the reign of King Charles IX of France. The description of the medals is as follows:

1. Obv. Figure of monarch standing near theme, above the heads & shoulders of fallen enemies. In the circle the motto: "VIRTUS IN REBBELLES.

Rev. Royal crown surmounting French Coat-of-arms, two pillars & wealth of victory. In the circle motto. PIETAS EXCITAVIT JUSTITIAM. Below. Date. 24 AUGUSTI, 1572.

The description of the second medal is rather meagre, but all I have been able

to obtain so far, & is as follows.

"The figure of Hercules destroying the hydra under fire. The motto. NE FERRUM TEMNAT SIMUL IGNIB' OBSTO.

If possible I would like to obtain reproductions of these medals, or plaster cast or photographs & the right to include these reproductions in ~~[illegible]~~ a History of France, upon which I am now engaged.

I would be deeply grateful to you for any advice in this matter,

Believe Yours respectfully

H. F. Morgan.

Stamped & addressed
Envelope enclosed for reply.
H.F.M.

April 5th, 1922

Harold P. Morgan, Esq.
65 Maynard Street
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your favour of April 3rd at hand. I am having plaster casts made of the two medals concerning the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, for which you asked. These I will send you today or tomorrow, as soon as they are ready.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

HAROLD PATRICK MORGAN
65 MAYNARD STREET
SPRINGFIELD
MASS.

April 17, 1922.

Howland Wood Esqr.,
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

Please accept my heart felt thanks for your kindness in sending me plaster casts of two medals struck in Commeration of the Massacre of St Bartholomew.

There are two other medals which I would like to reproduce in my work, namely, one struck by Pope Gregory XIII the other by Pius V. as follows:

1) Obv. Head of Pope facing to left. Inscription Gregorius XIII. Pont. Max. An. 1.

Rev. Angel with drawn sword in right hand & Cross up-lifted in left hand slaughtering the Huguenots; Inscription. Ugonottorum Strages.

2) Obv.(?) Pius V and Cardinals kneeling thanking heaven for the victory of Jarnac.

Rev (?) Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, dispersit Superbos.

The last mentioned coin is listed in Bonanni: Numism. Pont. f. No 14.

I am also anxious to obtain a photographic reproduction of the "Golden Rose" presented by the Pope to Roman Catholic Kings, & I would be deeply grateful to you if could direct me to a book (etc) where a picture of the "Golden Rose" is reproduced.

In the event of your collection containing the two medals referred to above I would esteem it a great favour if plaster cast be sent to me. I am

Yours respectfully

H. P. Morgan

Histoire et Législation
des Ordres de Chevalerie etc.

du Saint-Siège

par le Comte Frédéric Gugue de Champvans

Paris. Société Archéologique de France

1913

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April 19th, 1922

Harold P. Morgan, Esq.
65 Maynard Street
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your favour of April 17th at hand. I am having plaster casts made of the two papal medals for which you asked, and will be glad to send these on to you within a day or so. You will note that the medal of Pius V is somewhat different from what you describe but it agrees with Bonanni's illustration.

The Golden Rose about which you write was described and illustrated in "Histoire et Législation des Ordres de Chevalerie, etc." Du Saint-Siège par le Comte Frédéric Gurgue de Champvans. Paris, Société Archéologique de France, 1913, page 137.
It is evidently a large pot containing a rose bush which probably is of gold.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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August 27, 1926

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Numismatic Society, N.Y.C.

My dear Mr. Wood,

Some time since you very kindly had a number of casts of medals made for me for a work upon which I am still engaged.

I have been doing some experimenting with a copy of a medal struck by Pope GregoryXIII, and find that I will be able to incorporate the illustration in its exact coloring, rather than to use the plaster cast.

I have gathered together a number of contemporary documents and have had them photographed for reproduction and I would very much like to include an illustration of the original medal of Gregory XIII. I am enclosing photographs of our experiments with the medal, and am writing to ask you would you consent to having the medal taken by a first class commercial photographer the size of the enclosed photographs. Whatever the expense I will gladly defray the charges. I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Harold R. Morgan

We have no orig of this medal. All ours are restrikes from finely modern dies. The one with dies nearest the orig is about 1½ if we our camera is not fitted to enlarge it very much & I doubt if we could get it over 2" with

August 28th, 1926

Mr. Harold P. Morgan
233 Ives Street
Providence, R.I.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

We have no original coin of the Gregory XIII medal, of which you enclose a photograph. All of the Society's pieces are restrikes. The one which is most like the original is but 1½ inches wide. Our camera is not fitted to enlarge very much, and I doubt if we could make a negative showing the coin much over two inches wide. And I very much doubt if I could get any better reproduction than that shown in your photograph; and that certainly looks as if it were taken from a medal and not from a plaster cast.

Very truly yours,

Enc. Curator

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May 22, 1930

Mr. Howard Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Some time ago you very kindly complied with my request for several plaster casts of a number of medallions relating to the Massacre of St. Bartholomew. Since then I have been most fortunate to secure two originals, photographic copies of one of these I am enclosing, believing it will be of interest to you.

One of the casts you forwarded is so damaged that I would ask you if possible to furnish me with a new set. It is that of Charles IX, as given in enclosed pen and ink sketch. I would also like to have a set of casts of the medal struck by Catherine de Medici as given in enclosed sketch. I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Harold P. Morgan

May 28, 1930

Mr. Harold P. Morgan
Providence Bible Institute
100 State Street
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you, under separate cover, a plast r cast of the Charles IX medal. Unfortunately we do not have the Catherine de Medici medal. I am also, herewith, returning your drawings and photographs.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

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